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Official meetings

[There are no meetings scheduled at Headquarters, on *Monday, 6 September 2010*, official holiday.]

Tuesday, 7 September 2010

Security Council

10 a.m.	6377th meeting	Security Council Chamber GA-TSC-01

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Letter dated 22 November 2006 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2006/920)

   Report of the Secretary-General on the request of Nepal for United Nations assistance in support of its peace process (S/2010/453)

Morning[1]	Consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultations Room GA-TSC-02

UNMIN (S/2010/453)

Other matters

3 p.m.	6378th meeting	Security Council Chamber GA-TSC-01

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo

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[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 6377th meeting.

General Assembly

Sixty-fourth session

3 p.m.	115th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

1. Protracted conflicts in the GUAM area and their implications for international peace, security and development [14]
   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/64/819)
   (b) Draft resolution (A/64/L.62)
2. Question of Palestine: letter from the Chair of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People to the President of the General Assembly (A/64/906) [16]
3. Report of the Economic and Social Council: draft resolution (A/64/L.55/Rev.1) [42]

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Afternoon[1]	Consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultations Room GA-TSC-02
	The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo	
	Other matters	

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 6378th meeting of the Security Council.

General Assembly
Sixty-fourth session

There will be an informal meeting (closed) of the General Committee of the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly on Wednesday, 8 September 2010, at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 8 (General Assembly Building).

General Assembly
Sixty-fourth session

The informal meeting of the plenary to mark the International Day against Nuclear Test will be held on Thursday, 9 September 2010, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB). A note verbale from the Office of the President of the General Assembly, dated 30 August 2010, was sent by facsimile to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

General Assembly
Sixty-fourth session

The General Assembly will hold plenary meetings on Thursday, 9 September 2010, at 11.30 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall, to consider agenda item 110 (c) (Election of a member of the International Court of Justice: memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/64/899) and notes by the Secretary-General (A/64/900 and A/64/901)); and agenda item 18 (The situation in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan: draft resolution (A/64/L.57)); and at 3 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall, to consider agenda item 77 (Request for an advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on whether the unilateral declaration of independence of Kosovo is in accordance with international law: note by the Secretary-General (A/64/881) and draft resolution (A/64/L.65)).

Protocol and security announcement

A briefing for delegations regarding protocol, security and organizational arrangements for the high-level meetings and the general debate of the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly (20–30 September 2010) will take place on Thursday, 9 September 2010, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB). *Permanent and observer missions are urged to be represented at the briefing.*

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10 (NLB)

Opening of the session

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board
Second regular session 2010

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 1st meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB)

1. Opening of the session . . . . . [1]

   Opening statements by the President of the Executive Board and the Executive Director

2. Adoption of of the provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work (E/ICEF/2010/15) . . . . . [2]
3. Medium-term strategic plan: planned financial estimates for the period 2010-2013 (E/ICEF/2010/AB/L.7) . . . . . [11]
4. Private fundraising: financial reports and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2009 (E/ICEF/2010/AB/L.4) . . . . . [10]
5. Road map to an integrated budget: cost classification and results-based budgeting – Joint report of UNDP, UNFPA and UNICEF (E/ICEF/2010/AB/L.10) . . . . . [12]
6. Briefing on the situation in Pakistan

3–5 p.m. 2nd meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB)

1. Briefing by UNICEF Executive Director on the launch of the report entitled "Progress for Children" on achieving the MDGs with equity
2. Annual report on internal audit activities (E/ICEF/2010/AB/L.5 and E/ICEF/2010/AB/L.6) . . . . . [8]
3. Report of the Ethics Office of UNICEF (E/ICEF/2010/17) . . . . . [9]

5–6 p.m. Informal consultations . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB)

[*Note*: The Western European and Other States Group will meet *daily*, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room C (NLB).]

General Assembly

Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the General Assembly

There will be an informal "informal" meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the General Assembly on *Tuesday, 7 September 2010*, at *11 a.m.* in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
Briefing

There will be an informal briefing by the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Department of Field Support to members of the Special Committee on the capability-driven approach to peacekeeping, on *Tuesday, 7 September 2010*, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Other meetings

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Tuesday, 7 September 2010

Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) (plenary meeting)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6 (NLB)

Group of 77 (on Second Committee matters)

10 a.m.–12 noon . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C (NLB)

Group of 77 (at the ambassadorial level)

12 noon–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3 (NLB)

Group of 77 (on the Ministerial Declaration)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C (NLB)

Arab Group (at the ambassadorial level)

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1 (NLB)

African Group (Second Committee experts)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D (NLB)

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on the Revitalization of the General Assembly (at the expert level)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E (NLB)

Asian Group (informal meeting) (Third Committee experts) (Executive Board of UN Women)

3–5 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6 (NLB)

Group of Latin American and Caribbean States

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D (NLB)

OIC Group (at the ambassadorial level)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1 (NLB)

Other activities

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Tuesday, 7 September 2010

UNITAR French-language workshop on "Effective negotiation in multilateral conferences"

From 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B (NLB).

[Open to all permanent and observer missions. To register, please visit the Web site <www.unitar.org/ny>. For further information, contact Ms. Gabrielle Goudiaby, UNITAR (goudiaby@unitarny.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021).]

Interactive briefing on "The Global Counter-Terrorism Initiative" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Saudi Arabia and the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force, Department of Political Affairs)

From 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

[The briefing is closed. For further information, please contact Dr. Rahima Abdul Rahman, Permanent Mission of Saudi Arabia (e-mail rahima@saudimission.org; tel. 1 (212) 557-1525, ext. 1033).]

Special event on the occasion of the International Day against Nuclear Tests

Opening of the photo exhibit on "The threat of nuclear tests and weapons" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Kazakhstan and Japan)

At 6 p.m., in the Exhibit Area (NLB) (First Avenue side).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Israil Tilegen, Permanent Mission of Kazakhstan (e-mail kazakhstan@un.int; tel. 1 (212) 230-1900, ext. 22). The exhibit will remain until Friday, 17 September.]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Tuesday, 7 September 2010

Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

12.30 p.m. . . . . Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF) (on two CTITF Working Groups on Conflict Prevention and Resolution) [*Participants*: Mr. Jean-Paul Laborde, Chair, Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force, and Director, Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force Office; Mr. Miroslav Jenča, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy in Central Asia (UNRCCA); and Mr. Geoffrey Shaw, International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)]

1.30 p.m. . . . . UNICEF (on the launch of the following two publications: a new study, entitled "Narrowing the Gaps to Meet the Goals"; and UNICEF's flagship report, entitled "Progress for Children" [*Participants*: Mr. Anthony Lake, Executive Director, UNICEF; and Ms. Carolyn Miles, Executive Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer, Save the Children]

Forthcoming official meetings

Wednesday, 8 September 2010

General Assembly
Sixty-fourth session

10 a.m. . . . . 116th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

The United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy . . . . . [115]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/64/818)

(b) Draft resolution (A/64/L.69)[1]

[1]To be issued.

General Assembly
Sixty-fifth session

High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly
(20–22 September 2010)

All delegations wishing to participate in the round tables are kindly requested to inscribe with the List of Speakers, *in writing*, by facsimile (1 (212) 963-3783) or e-mail (muturi@un.org and heddachem@un.org), indicating the name and the level of the participant. Inscription, on a first-come, first-served basis, is open.

As stipulated in resolution 64/184 of 21 December 2009 (A/RES/64/184), the six round tables will be held as follows:

Monday, 20 September:

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Round table 1 — Addressing the challenge of poverty, hunger and gender equality

From 3 to 6 p.m.

Round table 2 — Meeting the goals of health and education

Tuesday, 21 September:

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Round table 3 — Promoting sustainable development

From 3 to 6 p.m.

Round table 4 — Addressing emerging issues and evolving approaches

Wednesday, 22 September:

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Round table 5 — Addressing the special needs of the most vulnerable

From 2 to 5 p.m.

Round table 6 — Widening and strengthening partnerships

For each regional group, the distribution of its members for participation in each round-table session will be as follows:

(a) African States: ten Member States

(b) Asian States: ten Member States

(c) Eastern European States: five Member States

(d) Latin American and Caribbean States: seven Member States

(e) Western European and other States: six Member States

Each delegation may only participate in one round table and thus may wish to indicate three preferences when inscribing on the list.

General Assembly

Sixty-fifth session

Informal consultations on the provisional agenda item 75 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea: Sustainable fisheries)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 75 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea: Sustainable fisheries) of the provisional agenda of the sixty-fifth regular session of the General Assembly will be held from Tuesday, 14, to Friday, 17 September 2010, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Economic and Social Council

Informal "informal" consultations

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the presidency of the Economic and Social Council (Malaysia) and facilitated by Mr. Zahid Rastam, on the process leading up to the election and on the method of election of the members of the newly established Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women), will take place on Wednesday, 8 September 2010, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

Other forthcoming meetings

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Non-Aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau (at the ambassadorial level)

Wednesday, 8 September 2010, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

Briefing for Sixth Committee delegates on the Committee items on the provisional agenda of the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly (Web site <www.un.org/ga/sixth>)

Wednesday, 15 September 2010, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

UNITAR briefings for new delegates to the General Assembly

General briefing on the work of the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly

Wednesday, 15 September 2010, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB);

Thursday, 16 September 2010, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB);

Special briefing on the work of the Second Committee

Friday, 17 September 2010, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB);

Special briefing on the work of the Third Committee

Friday, 17 September 2010, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB); and

Special briefing on the work of the Fifth Committee

Friday, 17 September 2010, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

[For further information, please contact Ms. Soukeyna Fall, UNITAR (e-mail falls@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).]

Informal consultations on item 38 (The situation in Afghanistan) of the provisional agenda of the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly (organized by the Permanent Mission of Germany)

Thursday, 16 September 2010, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

Forthcoming other activities

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Briefing for delegations on "Airport courtesies" to the arrival and departure of Heads of State/Government and other senior officials coming to New York for the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly (organized by the United States Mission)

Wednesday, 8 September 2010, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

[Administrative officers, heads of chancery and others responsible for ensuring the smooth arrival and departure of members of their respective delegations, including VIP delegates, are strongly urged to attend. For further information please contact Mr. Thomas J. Buda, United States Mission (e-mail BudaT@state.gov; tel. 1 (212) 415-4407).]

Special event on the occasion of International Literacy Day 2010 — "Literacy: An essential foundation for development" (co-organized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Office for Partnerships (UNOP))

Wednesday, 8 September 2010, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Michelle Freeouf, UNESCO New York Office (e-mail m.freeouf@unesco.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5985).]

Special events on the occasion of the International Day against Nuclear Tests

High-level workshop on "Prioritizing the action plan of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Kazakhstan)

Thursday, 9 September 2010, from 3 to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

Screening of the documentary film entitled "Embrace a World Free of Nuclear Weapons" (produced by the Permanent Mission of Kazakhstan, in cooperation with the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs, the Department of Public Information and the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization)

Thursday, 9 September 2010, from 5.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend the events. For further information, please contact Mr. Israil Tilegen, Permanent Mission of Kazakhstan (e-mail kazakhstan@un.int; tel. 1 (212) 230-1900, ext. 22).]

Seminar on "*Perspectives on Global Development 2010*: What implications does the 'shifting wealth' have for the LDCs?" (co-organized by the Office of the High Representative for the LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS (UN-OHRLLS), in cooperation with the OECD Development Center in Paris)

Monday, 13 September 2010, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Andrew Allimadi (e-mail allimadi@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-0730); or Ms. Myriam Kusayanagi (e-mail kusayanagi@un.org).]

Prayer service on the occasion of the opening of the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly (organized by the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See and the Archdiocese of New York)

Thursday, 16 September 2010, at 6 p.m., at the Church of the Holy Family (315 East 47th Street).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See (tel. 1 (212) 370-7885).]

Launch of the revised Pakistan Floods Emergency Response Plan (co-organized by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and the Permanent Mission of Pakistan)

Friday, 17 September 2010, at 3.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

[Permanent and observers missions are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Mervat Shelbaya, OCHA (e-mail shelbaya@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963 4533).]

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Forum on Forests

Open-ended Intergovernmental Ad Hoc Expert Group on Forest Financing
First meeting
Nairobi, Kenya (13–17 September 2010)

The first meeting of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Ad Hoc Expert Group on Forest Financing (AHEG-1) will be held from Monday, 13, to Friday, 17 September 2010, in Nairobi, Kenya. Member States are requested to fax a note verbale, via their Permanent Missions in New York, to the UNFF secretariat, *as soon as possible*, informing the name(s) of their Government-designated expert(s) for participation in the AHEG-1 (1 (917) 367-3186). Additional information on registration is available on the following Web site <www.un.org/esa/forests/adhoc-forestfinance-registration.html>. For further information, please contact Ms. Ninon Thermidor (e-mail thermidor@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3261); or Ms. Edith Niamke (e-mail niamke@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-4244).

Announcements

United Nations Regional Course in International Law

Applications for the United Nations Regional Course in International Law, scheduled to be held at Seoul National University, Republic of Korea, from 15 to 26 November 2010, are now being accepted from candidates from Member States of the United Nations which are also members of the regional group of Asian States. The deadline for applications is *Thursday, 9 September 2010.*

The Regional Course will be conducted in English. For further information, including application forms, please consult the Regional Course Web site at <www.un.org/law/rcil/asia>; or contact the Codification Division (e-mail rcil-asia@un.org).

Side events on the occasion of the High-level Plenary Meeting of the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly

Delegations and other interested parties are invited to submit their proposed side events for inclusion in the calendar of partnership events to be held in conjunction with the High-level Plenary Meeting. Please use the online form on the official Web site of the High-level Plenary Meeting <www.un.org/en/mdg/summit2010/events.shtml>. Information on where to submit requests for rooms is also available on the official Web site. For further information, please send an e-mail to hlpmevents@un.org. The tentative list of side events is now available on the official Web site.

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

Communications addressed to the President of the Security Council should be delivered to the Offices of the Security Council Secretariat Branch (room 08083, 730 Third Avenue (between 45th and 46th Streets); tel. 1 (212) 963-5258).

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly.

Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (e-mail mdc@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7166; room SA-1B12).

Access to back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*

Back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: <www.un.org/en/documents/journal.asp> and <www.un.org/fr/documents/journal.asp>.

All comments and suggestions about the *Journal* are welcomed. Kindly contact the office of the *Journal* at journal@un.org.

Summary of official meetings

Friday, 3 September 2010

Security Council

6376th meeting (closed) *Meeting of the Security Council with the troop and police contributing countries pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B*

United Nations Mission in Liberia

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"On 3 September 2010, the Security Council, pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B, held its 6376th meeting in private with the troop- and police-contributing countries to the United Nations Mission in Liberia.

"The Security Council and the troop- and police-contributing countries heard a briefing under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure, via video teleconference, by Ms. Ellen Margrethe Løj, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Mission in Liberia.

"Members of the Council, Ms. Løj and representatives of participating troop- and police-contributing countries had an exchange of views."

General Assembly

Committee on Conferences
Substantive session

509th meeting

Adoption of the report . . . . . [8]

The Rapporteur presented the draft report.

Statements were made by the representatives of Côte d'Ivoire, France, Japan, Kenya, Nigeria, Panama, the Russian Federation and the United States.

The Committee adopted the draft report, pending finalization by the Rapporteur.

The Committee thus concluded its substantive session for 2010.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Notification regarding article 4 (3): Colombia (31 August 2010)[1]

Notification regarding article 4 (3): Jamaica (3 September 2010)[1]

United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances. Vienna, 20 December 1988

Notification under article 12 (10) a): Thailand (24 August 2010)[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Treaty Event

Multilateral Treaty Framework: An invitation to universal participation

2010 Treaty Event: Towards universal participation and implementation

United Nations Headquarters (21–23 and 27–28 September 2010)

It is recalled that a series of successful treaty events have been held annually at the Headquarters of the United Nations commencing with the Millennium Summit in 2000. This year, the annual treaty event will be held from Tuesday, 21, to Thursday, 23 September, and on Monday, 27, and Tuesday, 28 September 2010, at United Nations Headquarters, to coincide with the general debate of the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly.

The Event, entitled "2010 Treaty Event: Towards universal participation and implementation", provides a distinct opportunity for States to demonstrate their continuing commitment to the central role of the rule of law in international relations. This year's event will highlight treaties of global reach such as human rights, terrorism, penal matters, disarmament, climate change and the protection of United Nations personnel. In particular, this year will highlight a theme which celebrates and safeguards life on earth, biodiversity. 2010 marks the International Year of Biodiversity; it also marks the start of the United Nations Decade for Deserts and the Fight against Desertification, another global issue requiring a global response.

The list of treaties being highlighted this year has been circulated by depositary notification C.N.243.2010.TREATIES-3 of 28 April 2010. As is customary, it will be possible to undertake treaty actions with regard to any treaty deposited with the Secretary-General during the treaty event. Necessary facilities, including media coverage, will be made available for treaty actions to be undertaken in a solemn setting.

Delegations intending to sign or deposit instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General during the treaty event may wish to inform their Governments accordingly for the purpose of completing the requisite domestic procedures.

Under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. All other representatives wishing to sign treaties must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of specified treaties by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Likewise, instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession must be issued and signed by the same authorities.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign, ratify or accede to any of the treaties could notify and provide copies of full powers/instruments in advance to the Treaty Section.

Further information concerning the 2010 Treaty Event is available on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site <treaties.un.org> and at the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047). Information concerning the requirements for full powers and the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession (including model instruments) can be found in the *Treaty Handbook*, which is also available on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site.

International Cocoa Agreement, 2001

Geneva, 25 June 2010

Opening for signature

In accordance with its article 54, the above Agreement shall be open for signature in New York from 1 October 2010 until 30 September 2012, by parties to the International Cocoa Agreement, 2001, and Governments invited to the United Nations Conference, 2010.

Certified true copies of the Agreement, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as possible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specific treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Agreement could notify, and provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs (380 Madison Avenue, New York; e-mail depositaryCN@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693).

For more information on full powers and a model instrument of full powers, please refer to the *Treaty Handbook* on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site, which can be accessed at the following address <treaties.un.org>.

General information

Chairs of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *September 2010* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Lesotho
H.E. Mr. Motlatsi Ramafole

Asian States:
Republic of Korea
H.E. Mr. Park In-Kook

Eastern European States:
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